



Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes April 29, 2025

Link to meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQnRMNOIIVQ>

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 PM

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Carlton Hunt, Geoff Merriman, Patrick Driscoll, William Smith, Harry Bailey

Members Absent: Stacey Driscoll, Maureen Minasian

Guests: Mark Peterson

B. Chairs Announcements – No Comments

C. Public Comment - None

D. Old Business

1) FY26 Budget

The FY26 Budget has been reviewed by the committee. The FY26 budget is \$1,035,000. After discussion on the amounts the committee can elect to deposit into each account, the committee agreed to move forward on the state required minimum of 10% to each account.

William Smith motioned to approve the FY26 Budget Proposal with a 10% deposit to each CPC account which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2) Project Updates - Applications Received

a. Hanson's Farm

The Town Council voted to approve the funding for the project. The signage is being worked on and will include input from the Hanson Family.

b. Summer Street Property

The status of the park has been discussed with the Town, BSU, and the BIA. A conservation restriction is still needed for the park.

E. New Business

1) Eligibility Forms Received:

a. Unitarian Church – Window Replacements

The committee considered the eligibility form submitted by the Unitarian Church and concluded that a review of the form with the “3-point test” is necessary before moving forward. The “3-point test” language will be distributed to the committee and the eligibility form is anticipated to be voted on at the next meeting.

Carlton Hunt motioned to postpone the vote and discussion for the eligibility application which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.



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b. Fire For Effect Foundation – various projects at Town River Landing

The foundation does not have a lease for the property, they have a license and based on section H of their license agreement they are ineligible for funding.

Patrick Driscoll motioned to deny the eligibility application based on section H of their license agreement which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 28th at 6:30 p.m.

G. Adjourn

Carlton Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw/Gina Guasconi